

500.35180CX1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): AIMOTO, et al.  
Serial No.: Continuation of U.S. Serial No.  
08/788,416  
Filed: February 14, 2000  
For: PACKET SWITCHING DEVICE AND CELL  
TRANSFER CONTROL METHOD  
Group: Unassigned  
Examiner: Unassigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 14, 2000

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted prior to the Rule 53(b) Continuation Application filed on even date.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert before the first line of the specification the following:

-- This is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/788,416, filed January 27, 1997, which was allowed on November 2, 1999. --

00503210 - 021400